

“Beaten for Believing”

Acts 17:1-9

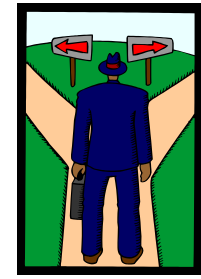


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follow Jesus there will be a cost
- is it worth it?**

**The Church at Thessalonica
“beaten for believing”**



Conflict



Jesus said - “I am the way, the truth, the life”

The world says - “There are many ways”

Jesus said - “one man, one woman”

The world says - “two people”

Jesus said - “you shall not kill”

The world says - “it’s a woman’s right”

Jesus said - “go and sin no more”

The world says - “everybody’s doing it”





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- 1. The Basis of Believing
(vs. 1-3) “the Scriptures”**
- 2. The Beginning of Believing
(v.4) “This Jesus is Christ”**
- 3. The Battle of Believing
(vs.5-9) “upside down”**

The Basis of Believing

Psalm 19:7 – converting the soul

Psalm 119:9 – change his ways

John 5:39 – testify of Christ

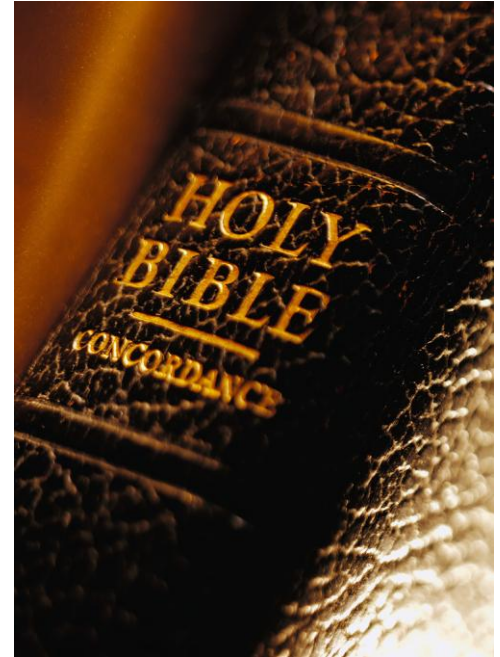
John 15:3 – clean through the Word

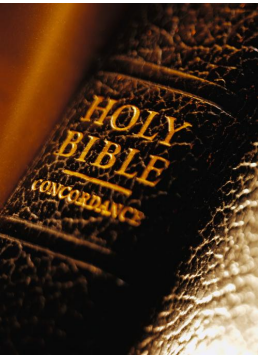
Romans 1:16 – the power of God

Romans 10:17 – faith comes by hearing

Hebrews 4:12- alive and active

I John 5:13 – written that you might know





The Basis of Believing

**The foundation of Faith is an uncompromising view of the Scriptures –
*the Bible is the Word of God***

It is true and therefore is to be accepted, activated, and the final authority of all of our profession and practice!

This puts us at odds with the world

Beginnings of Believing

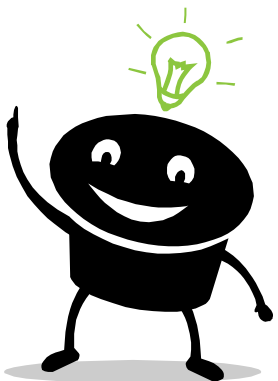
Reasoned - to converse, argue, discuss

Explaining - to cause to understand a thing

Demonstrating - to set before one, teaching

Persuaded - to be induced to believe

**The Scriptures enters the head and passes
through the mind before it enters
the heart and becomes faith -**



Beginnings of Believing

John 2:22 – they remembered & believed

John 8:30 – He spake, many believed

**John 17:8 – I have given them your words
and they believed**

**Acts 8:30-37 – reading Isaiah, preached Jesus,
I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God**

Scriptural explanation or Scientific evidence



The Battles of Believing

John 17:14 – I have given them Your Word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of this world.

Acts 4:17 – threatened them, commanded them

Acts 5:18 – put them in prison

Acts 7:59 – stoned Steven and He died

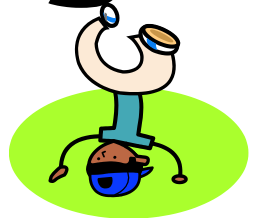
1 Peter 2:20 – do well and suffer for it

Romans 13:7 – to make war with the saints



The Battle of Believing

THE CRIME - “Turned upside down”



1 Corinthians 6:11 – and such were some of you

2 Corinthians 5:17 – a new creature

Ephesians 5:21 – taught the truth in Jesus

John 14:4 – It’s not right to have her

Matthew 5:13 – salt, the light of the world

THE COST – “and when they posted bond”



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“I’D RATHER HAVE JESUS”

AMEN !

